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BANKERS AT LOUISBURG.

Report Bad Fish Weather, Also Ice off North Sydney.

Schs. Valkyrie and Sceptre of this port were at Louisburg, C. B., last Wednesday from the Banks. Capt. Hines of the Valkyrie reported the weather very unfavorable for fishing. He had taken 100,000 pounds of salt cod. Both vessels intended to make North Sydney, but they saw the steamer Bruce working her way through the ice on her way from that port, so they gave it up and made Louisburg instead.

Good Pollock Fare.

Sch. Esther Gray arrived at this port yesterday from off Cape Cod with a fare of 60,000 pounds of pollock seined off there. The trip sold to Frank Stanwood.

Bought Fishing Rights.

The alewife fishing rights in Essex river for this season have been bought by William B. McDonald of this city.

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ASHORE ON SANDY HOOK.

Sch. Agnes E. Downes Struck There at Midnight.

LIFE SAVERS TOOK OFF CREW.

Heavy Sea Running and Vessel May Pound to Pieces.

Sch. Agnes E. Downes of this port, one of the southern seining fleet, went ashore last night, during very thick weather, on Sandy Hook, near New York. The vessel lies in a bad position and on a dead lee shore. The wind is northeast and the life savers from the Sandy Hook station are rendering assistance. The captain and crew were still on board last night.

A special to the TIMES this forenoon states that the captain and crew of the Downes were taken off this morning by the life saving crew and are camping on the beach. A heavy sea is running and the vessel will probably be pounded to pieces. The despatch states that at the time of the accident, the Downes was running for market with a fare of fresh mackerel.

The Downes is 85.19 tons gross, 59.04 tons net, owned by Gardner & Parsons and insured by the China Mutual Insurance Company through the agency of H. L. Follansbee & Co. She was commanded by Capt. Henry Warren.

Western Halibut.

Seven cars of Pacific halibut arrived at Boston yesterday.

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OBSTRUCTION IN THE HARBOR.

Old Wreck Floated by the Ice Last Winter.

Sunk in the Channel Near Five Pound Island.

A bad obstruction to the navigation of the inner harbor is an old wreck, which lies in the path of vessels near Five Pound Island and opposite George Perkins & Son's wharf.

Last February, when the big field of ice went out of the harbor, some of the old wrecks which had lain on Five Pound Island for years, went out with it. One, however, did not get far, but sank in the channel between the island and the Perkins wharf.

As it now lies, it bothers the vessels which have to go to and fro by this place and some have struck it, but fortunately escaped injury. The matter has been brought to the attention of the harbor master, and it is hoped that it will be removed soon.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Carrie W. Babson, Newfoundland Coast, 125,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Isaac Collins, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Valentina, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.12 1-2 for large, \$3.27 1-2 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2, medium \$1.50; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, 70 cts.

Outside sales Georges handline cod, \$4 3-8 for large and \$3 5-8 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 6000 haddock, 130,000 cod, 8000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Phelomina Manta, 45,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 50,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1500 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Sachem, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Rosie Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 20,200 cod.

Sch. Flaviola, 12,000 haddock.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunnn, 15,000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Sea Foam, 100 haddock, 1400 cod.

Sch. Emelia Enos, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$3.50 to \$3.75; market cod, \$2 to \$2.75; pollock, \$1 to \$1.25.

Portland.

Sch. Fish Hawk arrived at Portland on Sunday.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Ralph F. Hodgdon was at Halifax yesterday.

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FROM NEWFOUNDLAND COAST.

Sch. Carrie W. Babson Brings Fine Salt Cod Fare.

Fish Plenty but Bad Weather and Much Ice.

Sch. Carrie W. Babson, Capt. Joseph Bonia, of this port, arrived at this port late yesterday afternoon from the Newfoundland coast with a fine fare of 125,000 pounds of salt cod.

The Babson was the first of the bank fleet to sail this season, getting away February 23. Capt. Bonia first went to the Peak, but finding the fishing there poor, made an attempt to get to the northward and succeeded in reaching Port au Basque after a hard struggle with the ice floes.

Off the Newfoundland coast, at Channel and Rose Blanche, Capt. Bonia learned that the fishing was good when the boats could get on the grounds, but the big ice field was bothering them very much, and Capt. Bonia hung around off Rose Blanche waiting for a chance to set his trawls. On the first set he got fine fishing but the bad weather and ice made fishing dangerous and fish days few and far between.

Up to three weeks ago the men of the Babson had only set their trawls five times and the kind of fishing they struck is shown by the fact that with only these few sets they had 125,000 pounds of fish in the hold. Then as Capt. Bonia was figuring on being home early to fit sch. Tattler for a long trip, he headed the Babson for home.

The voyage to this port proved a long one, consuming almost three weeks, the craft encountering an unusual large quantity of ice, which forced her hundreds of miles out of her course and compelled her to make a very wide detour to clear its outside edge, the vessel being compelled to go way out around Green Bank and almost to Grand Bank and then skirt the southern edge of Quero, to get clear of the wide reaching ice field, but she reached port without accident.

Capt. Bonia brought home with him three handsome dogs of the genuine Newfoundland breed, which are now not too plentiful.

Capt. Bonia reports seeing but one of the salt bank fleet, sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, of this port, which arrived there about three weeks ago and on the day he left for home got the biggest kind of fishing, taking 80 tubs of fish as the result of the day's work with the trawls.

FLITCHED HALIBUT FLEET.

Will Be Comprised of Five Vessels This Season.

Some Now Fitting for the Long Hard Trip.

The flitched halibut fleet this season will comprise five vessels, all from this port, and these vessels are now getting ready for their long, hard voyages. The fleet will comprise schs. Blanche, Capt. Albert Flygore; Puritan, Capt. Charles Flygore; Admiral Dewey, Capt. James Hayes; Carrie W. Babson, Capt. Michael Wise, and sch. American, Capt. Carl Eekloff. Some of these vessels are now taking salt and otherwise making preparations.

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TO SUSTAIN HEATH BROS.

Manchester Town Meeting So Voted Last Evening.

On License for Trap Location at Kettle Island.

At an adjourned town meeting at Manchester last evening it was voted that the selectmen shall sustain Heath Brothers in their license for a fish weir at Kettle Island, granted by the town, in which the Gloucester aldermen refuse to concur, and to employ counsel if necessary.

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FORCED BACK BY ICE.

Sch. Parthia Met Floe 36 Miles from St. Pierre.

Interesting Letter from Our Louisburg Correspondent.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Louisburg, C. B., April 22, 1904.—For the first time in some months, our harbor contains five Gloucester fishing vessels. Two of these arrived Wednesday and today three more glided into our port. The vessels are schs. Arabia, Capt. Jesse Morton; Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Charles Forbes; Parthia, Capt. Stillman Malone; Sceptre, Capt. Larkin and Valkyrie, Capt. Angus Hines. The crafts ore from the Peak and are in here seeking bait.

The Valkyrie and Sceptre were bound into North Sydney, but met the drift ice and were compelled to come here. The Parthia was bound to Newfoundland and got within 30 miles of St. Pierre and was met by a heavy body of ice and forced back to this port.

The Parthia has 100,000 pounds of fish, fair but bad weather and drift ice interfered at one time. The Valkyrie has 100,000 pounds and the Sceptre and Harry A. Nickerson 70,000 pounds each.

The weather here the past week has been very cold and disagreeable. Last Saturday we had a genuine snow storm, and yesterday we were treated to another fall of the "beautiful." Today the wind is northeast, blowing fresh and heavy drift ice is in sight. The ice is now up to Porto Nova Rock, 7 1-2 miles from this place and is fast driving to the westward.

The work of completing the interior of the new marine hospital is being pushed rapidly. It will be fitted in the most modern and up-to-date manner and will be one of the finest in Nova Scotia. The location is excellent, commanding a fine view of the harbor and the waters of the Atlantic.

The captains and crews of the fishing vessels which have been away from your home port for some time are glad to get the TIMES when they reach here. I save all my TIMES for them and am pleased to be able to give these hardy toilers of the deep all that I have of them. They always ask for the TIMES, as they say it is their favorite paper.

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Sch. Volant, Georges, 23,000 lbs. cod, 87,000 lbs. fresh cod, 8000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Thalia, Georges, 12,000 lbs. cod, 18,000 fresh cod, 6000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Claudia, Georges, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod, 10,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Mildred V. Robinson, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod, 70,000 lbs. hake, 10,000 lbs. cusk.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Western Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Buena, via Boston.
Sch. Mary P. Mosquita, via Chatham.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. J. P. Foster, Jr., Provincetown, cured fish.
Sch. Patriot, Georges, 20,000 lbs. cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, seining.
Sch. John M. Plummer, seining.

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Boston.

Sch. Frances M. Parker, 5500 cod.
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Charles W. Parker, 7500 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Nellie G. Adams, 30,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sen. Reliance, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Allen H. Jones, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 7000 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Stone, 200 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.80 to \$1.75; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.80; pollock, \$1.

Bait.

Plenty of bait is reported at Monomoy. Herring are reported at Seaconnet.

The first alewives of the season came from Essex yesterday, about 60 barrels, Messrs. William B. McDonald and John Nagle & Co. baiting schs. Priscilla and Paragon.

Information regarding cockle bait can be furnished Rips fishermen by John Nagle & Co.

Harbor Notes.

The state police steamer Lexington is at this port and lies at Burnham's pier. She will paint and otherwise slick up and make ready for the season's work.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. L. W. Bradley is fitting for seining under command of Capt. William Foley.
Sch. Margie Smith will fit for seining under command of Capt. Edward McLean.

QUEER FIND.

Dime Taken from Cod's Stomach on the Peak.

Discovered by Foster Oxner of Sch. Gossip.

Forest Oxner, one of the crew of sch. Gossip, Capt. Douglass McLean, was not looking for money just at the moment that he put his knife into the stomach of a whopping big cod-fish down on the Peak a few days ago as he and his mates were engaged in dressing the catch just forked on deck. But he found it just the same.

It was a ten cent piece, American coin, of the date of 1876, and he found it in the stomach of the aforementioned large cod. The dime was worn quite smooth, especially around the edges, and was also tarnished a peculiar brownish tint. It was not in the least rusty, but colored a peculiar shade of brown.

Mr. Oxner gave the coin to Capt. McLean, who prizes the curious memento of the fish and the far off fishing ground very highly, and says he would not part with it for a considerable sum.

Just how the coin got in the cod's stomach is of course unknown, but many of the fishermen with the memory of many sad occurrences of the past think that they can tell very near the story of the ten cent piece from the time it was last above water until it was found by Oxner.

BIG TRIPS.

Several Fine Fares at This Port This Morning.

Sch. Volant, Capt. Frank Stream, arrived from Georges this morning with one of the very best fares of the season, 8000 pounds of halibut and 110,000 pounds of cod, 23,000 pounds of which are salted. This dandy trip was caught on the southeast part of Georges and means a big stock and share for Capt. Stream and his crew.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry A. Curtis, arrived from the Peak this morning with a good trip, 110,000 pounds of fresh cod.

Sch. Mildred V. Robinson, Capt. Londrigan, is here from Boston with 120,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly cod. Her fare was a big one, as she took out 20,000 pounds in Boston.

WILL NOT LAND FISH HERE.

British Sch. Arc Light Will Take Her Fare to Halifax.

The British sch. Arc Light, which arrived here Sunday from Rose Blanche, N. F., with a fare of 430,000 pounds of salt cod, which was sold to Slade Gorton & Co. and Fred L. Davis, will not land her fare here as was expected, but will go to Halifax, as on account of the duty here, the owner figures that he can make a more profitable voyage by landing there.

Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Flora J. Sears arrived at Boston from her maiden trip yesterday with a good fare.

Lost Her Seine.

Sch. Norumbega, one of the southern seining fleet, lost her seine recently. The sein-boat which the vessel was towing, started leaking and the valuable twine floated out of the boat.